

# Community Open House and Meeting April 29, 2014

#### Meeting Agenda

- Brief presentation of proposed project
- Questions, comments and discussion
- Adjourn at 7:30 p.m.



#### Meeting Ground Rules

Adopted October 22, 2013

#### We will:

- Say what we think
- Listen with respect to the opinions and beliefs of others
- Be open to compromise. We will advocate for what's most important to us and accept what we can live with, even though it may not be our first choice
- Defer our questions until after project team members have completed their presentation



#### Planning Phase Purpose

#### Thoughtfully plan solutions that:



- Protect the corridor from flooding and erosion
- Improve public safety
- Are technically sound
- Are responsive to community needs and values
- Are sensitive to special characteristics of Garden of the Gods Park and Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site



#### **Decision Process**

September – October 2013
Community: Identify community issues, concerns and priorities

November – December 2013
Project Team: Develop design concepts

December 12, 2013
Community: Review and respond to design concepts

December 2013 – February 2014 Project Team: Develop alternatives

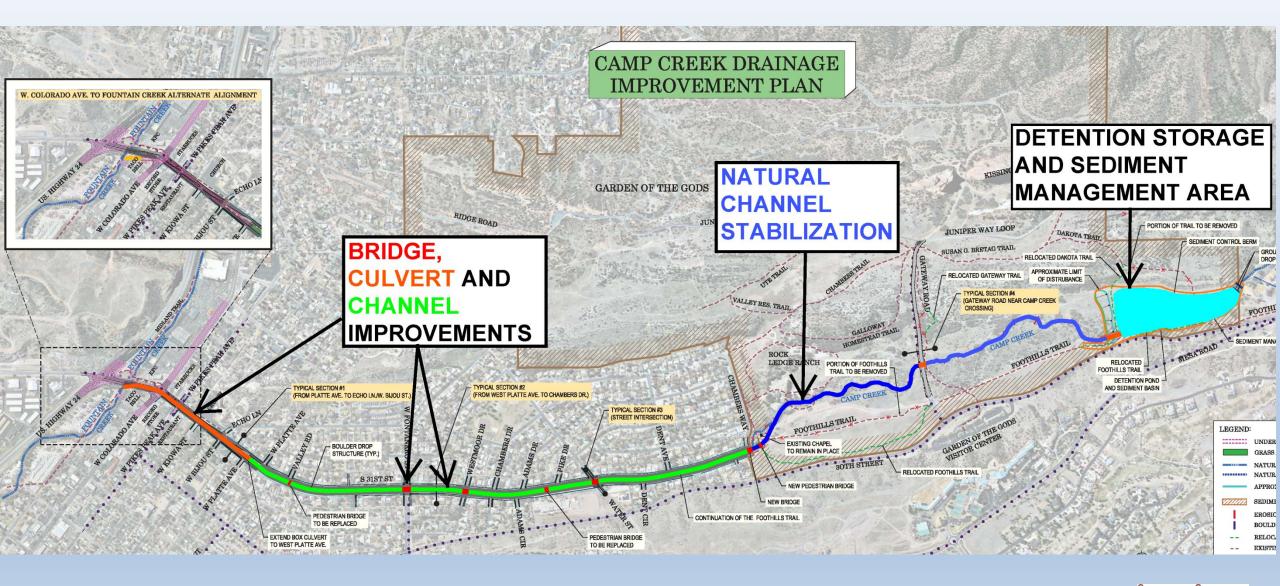
February 25, 2014
Community: Review and respond to alternatives

February – March 2014
Project Team: Identify and refine preferred alternative

April 2014
Community: Review preferred alternative



### Proposed Project Key Elements





#### The Proposed Project Will...

- Manage erosion and sedimentation through Garden of the Gods
- Improve traffic safety and reduce flood risks associated with Gateway Road
- Reduce the risk of flooding
- Improve emergency access during large flood events
- Remove residential and commercial properties from the 100-year flood plain
- Improve 31<sup>st</sup> Street channel aesthetics and connect Foothills Trail to Fountain Creek

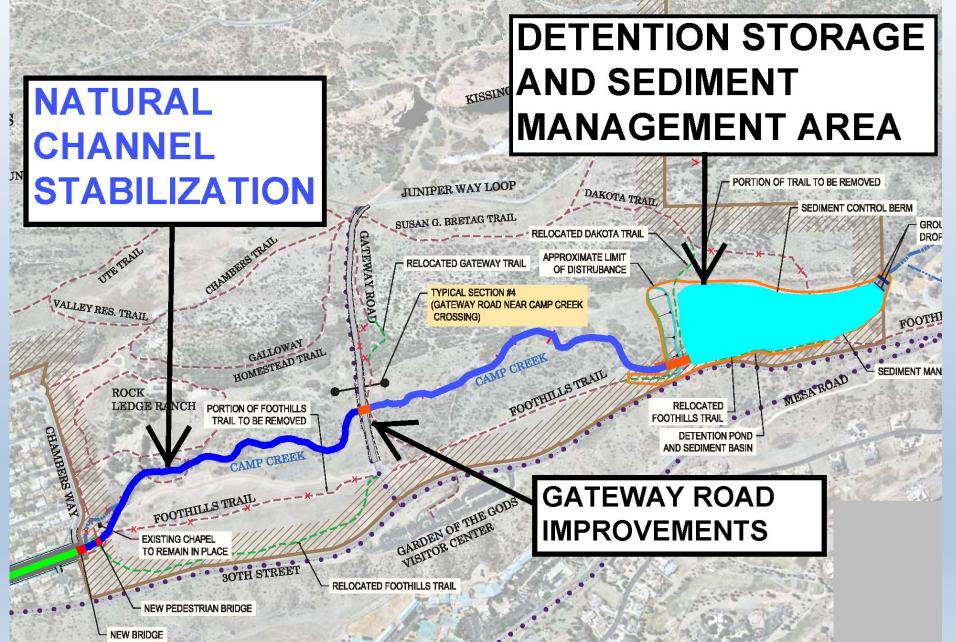
# Garden of the Gods and Rock Ledge Ranch Project Elements

#### Some things we learned from community input:

- Management of Sediment is important
- Detention north of Gateway Road and at Rock Ledge Ranch parking areas are not favored options
- Gateway Road needs improvement
- The cottonwood and apricot trees along Gateway Road are valued
- Garden of the Gods and Rock Ledge Ranch must be protected
- Cultural resources in the area are important



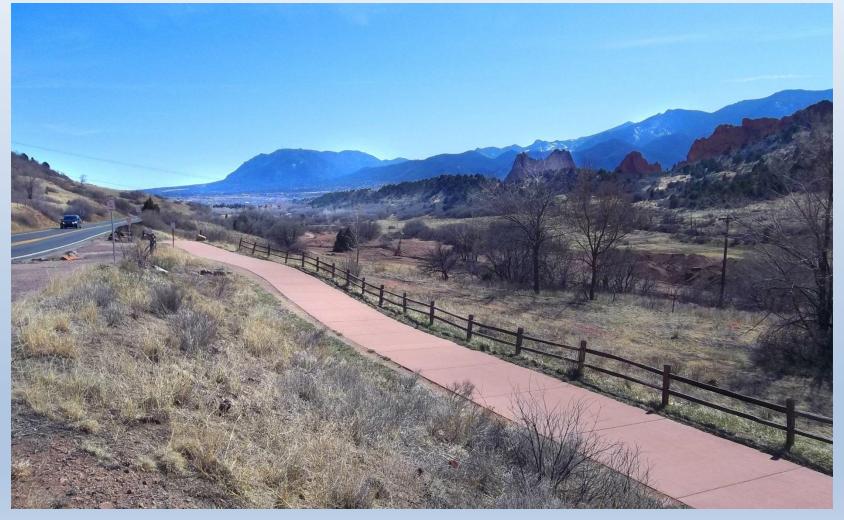
#### Garden of the Gods and Rock Ledge Ranch Project Elements





# Garden of the Gods Plan Elements Detention Pond/Sediment Management Area













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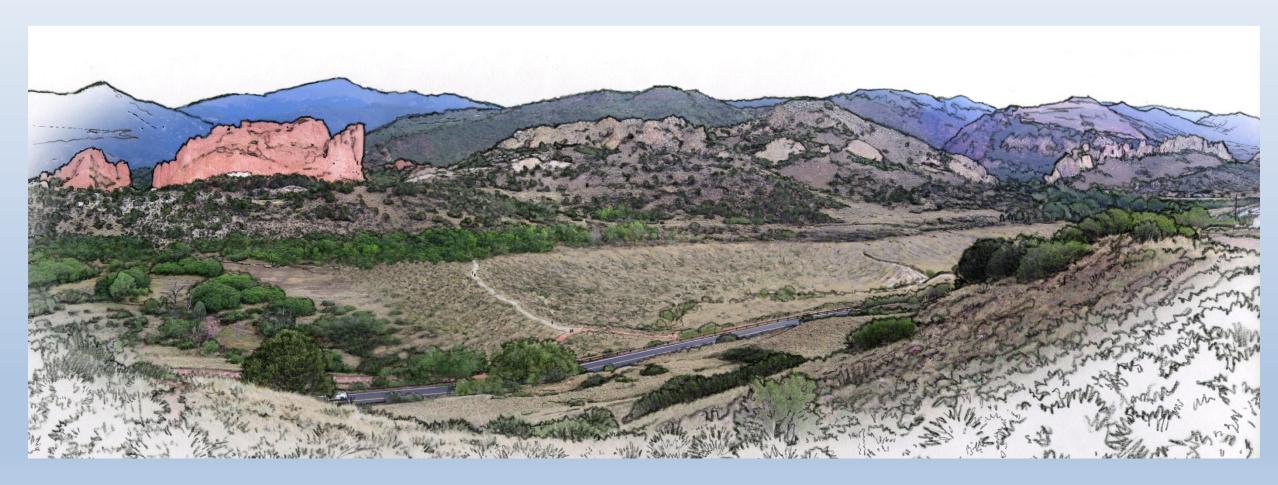




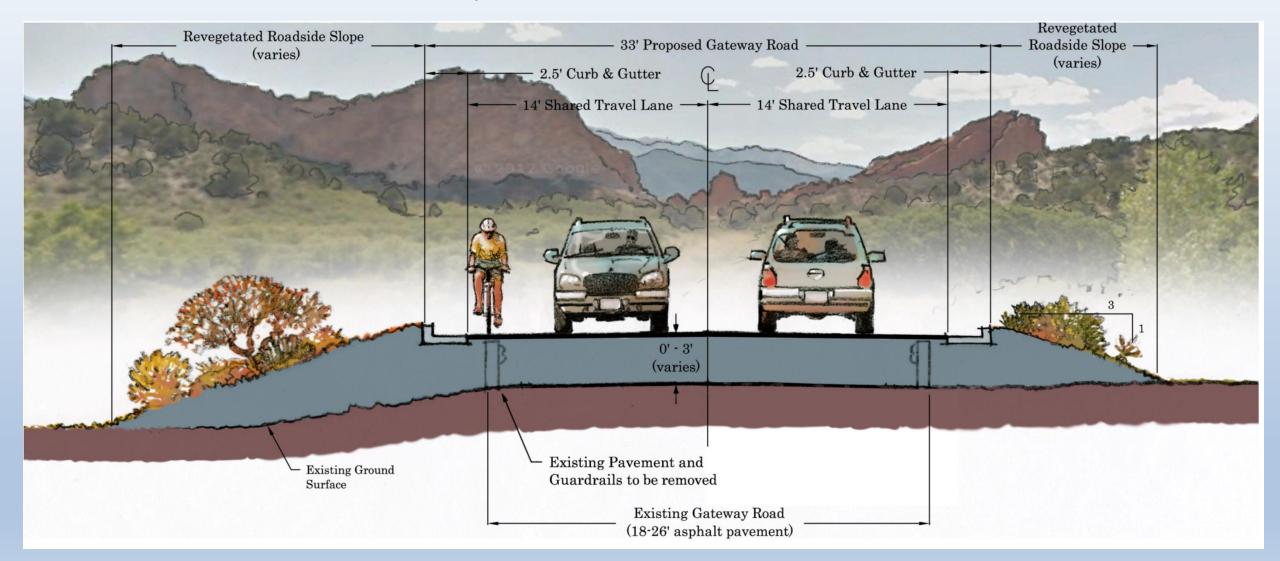










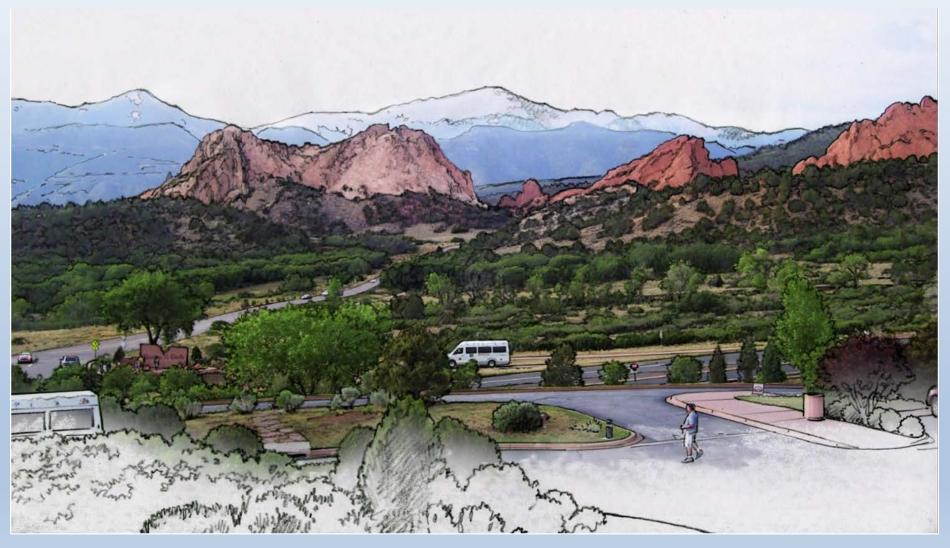


















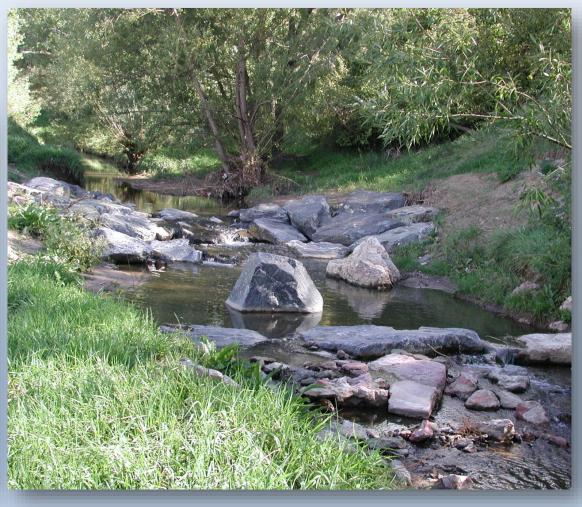






#### Natural Channel Stabilization



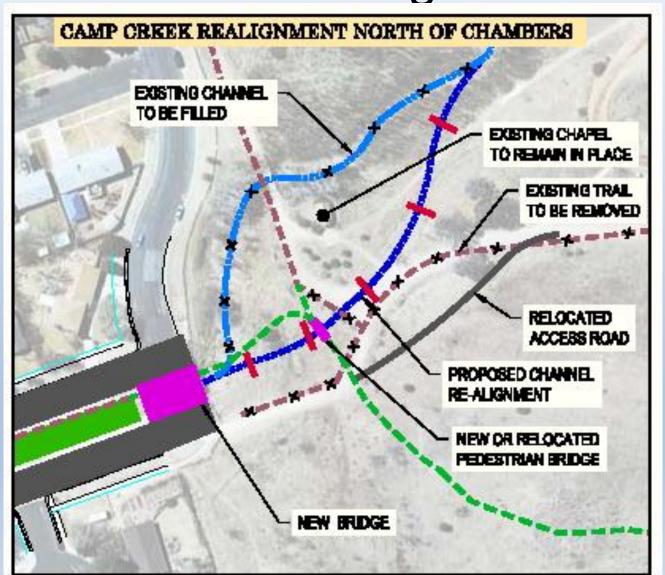


Before

**After** 



### Creek Realignment at the South End of Rock Ledge Ranch





#### 31st Street Channel Project Elements

Some things we learned from community input:

- Camp Creek, "the ditch" is viewed as an asset to the community
- Safety of children and wildlife is a priority
- Neighborhood aesthetics are important
- Naturalistic versus concrete linings are preferred
- Walls and guardrails above street level are not desirable

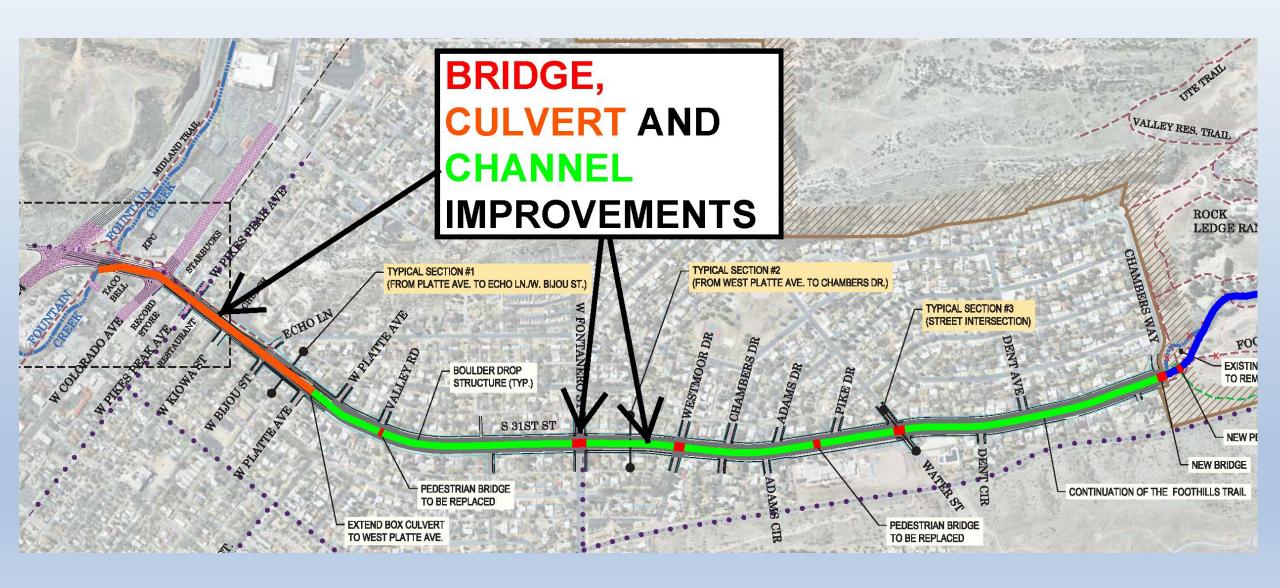


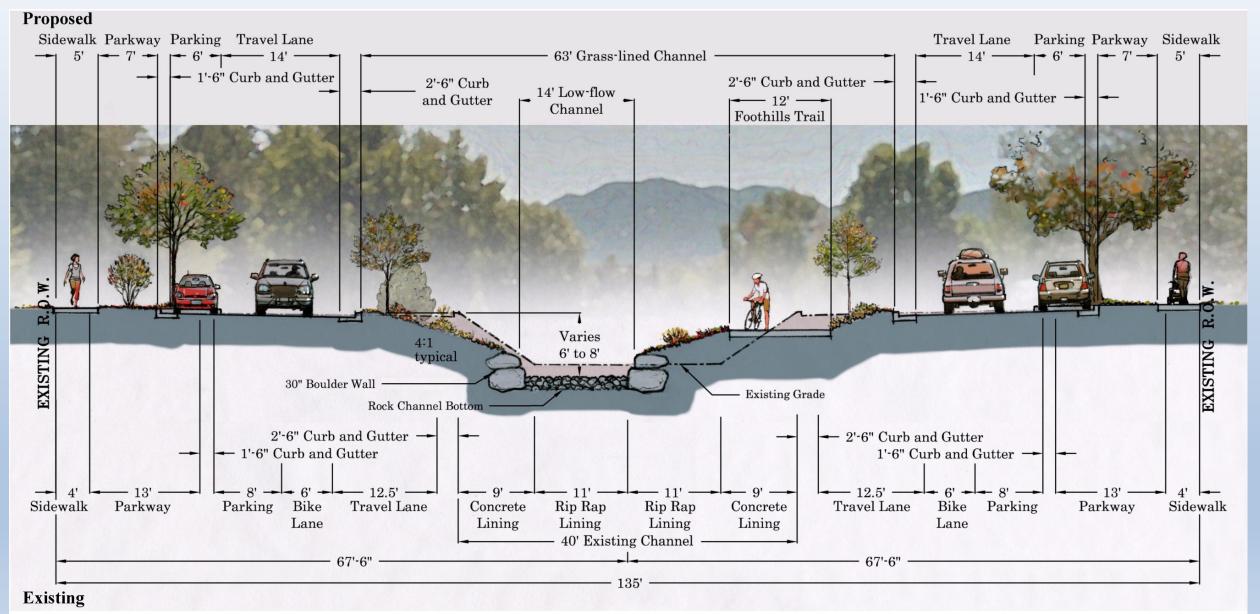
#### 31st Street Channel Project Elements

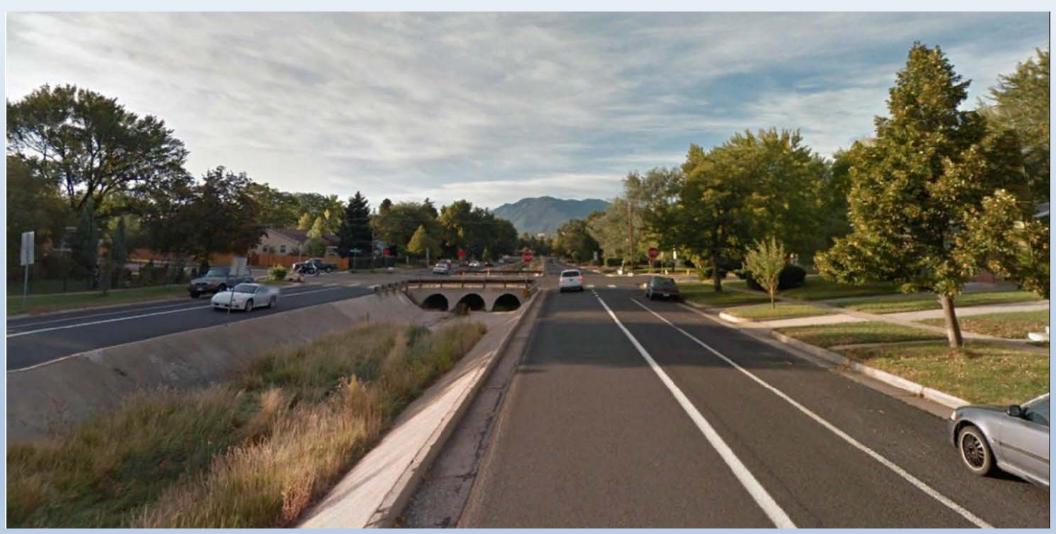
Some things we learned from community input:

- Trees and on-street parking along 31st Street are valued
- Traffic and noise are of concern to 31<sup>st</sup> Street property owners
- Reduction in the size of the FEMA regulatory floodplain is important
- An off-street trail in the 31<sup>st</sup> Street corridor is desirable







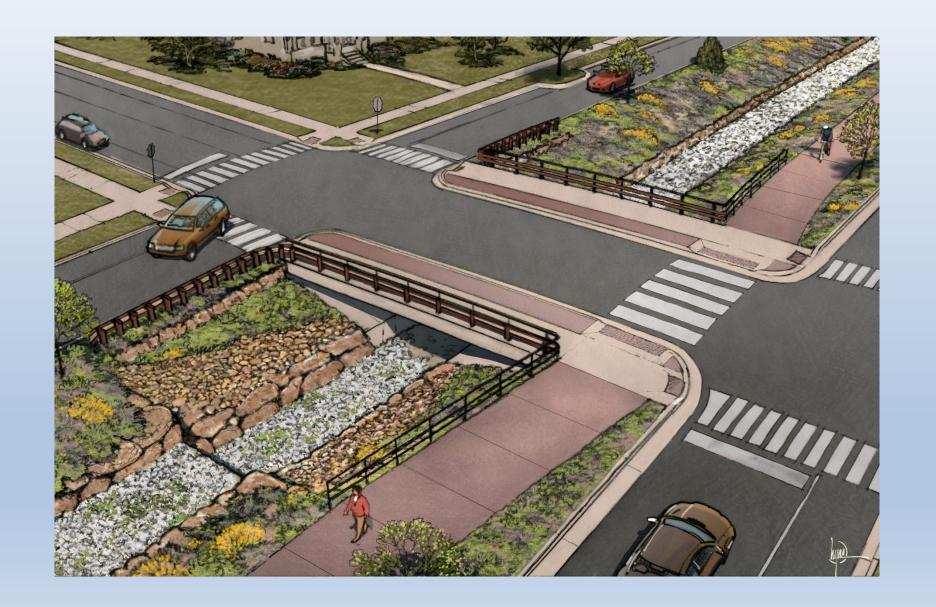






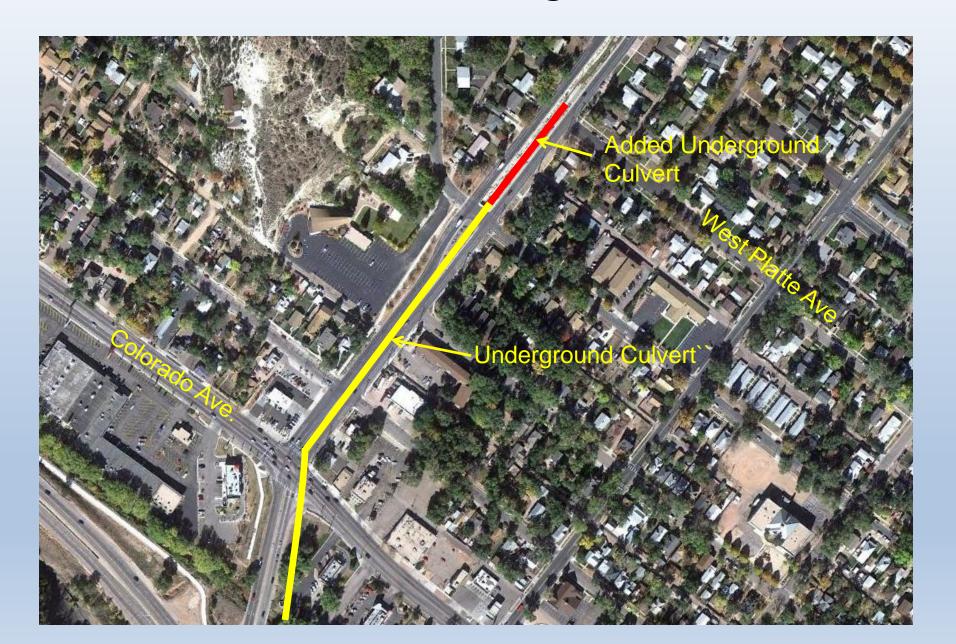


### 31st Street Bridge Improvements





### **Extension of Underground Culvert**





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#### Anticipated FEMA Floodplain Revision Steps

- Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) based on revised hydrology
- Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) to construct detention
- LOMR to reflect the effect of detention
- ❖ LOMR to reflect the effect of 31<sup>st</sup> Street Improvements



#### Preliminary Noise Investigation

- Our preliminary analysis indicates that the increase in noise levels due to the proposed project will be barely perceptible.
- On each side of the street the nearby traffic lanes will be moved closer to houses while the traffic lanes on the other side of the street will be moved further away
- The grass and small shrub lined side slopes in the widened median/channel area will help to dampen noise in the corridor.



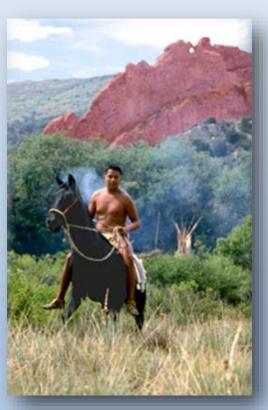
#### Plan Implementation

- ✓ Cultural resources assessment
- ✓ Begin Design of Improvements
- ✓ Begin work on Initial FEMA Floodplain Revisions
- ✓ Identify potential funding sources
- ✓ Confirm phasing plan



#### Cultural Resources Assessment

- City's goal is to respect and avoid impacting cultural resources in the project area
- Cultural resources are:
  - archaeological materials
  - historic sites
  - architectural features
  - landscapes
  - traditional cultural places
- The City has hired a firm to conduct the assessment;
   report due in a couple of months
- Assessment is required to receive federal funding for the project



#### Potential Funding Sources



#### **Potential Sources of Construction Funding**

- City General Fund
- FEMA grant
- National Resource Conservation Service grant
- Grant(s) from other sources
- Potential sale of bonds
- Potential storm water fee

#### **Potential Sources of Maintenance Funding**

- City General Fund
- Potential storm water fee
- Private sector sponsorship



### Preliminary Phasing Plan

Plan Elements	<b>Detailed Design</b>	Construction
Initial FEMA floodplain revisions along Camp C	Creek 2014-2015	N.A.
North Garden of the Gods detention pond	2014-2015	2015-2016
Creek stabilization in the Garden of the Gods	s 2014-2015	2016-2017
Gateway Road and culvert improvements	2014-2015	2016-2017
31st Street, Bijou to Fontanero	2014-2015	2017-2018
31st Street, Fontanero to Water Street bridge	2014-2015	2018-2019
31st Street Water Street to Rock Ledge Rand	h 2014-2015	2019-2020
Final FEMA floodplain revision along 31st Str	eet 2021-2022	N.A.
Culvert improvements, Bijou to Fountain Cre	ek 2014-2015	2020-2021

#### Next Steps

- ✓ Review results from tonight
- ✓ Communicate results to the community
- ✓ Complete cultural resources assessment
- ✓ Get Initial FEMA map revision underway
- ✓ Get construction designs underway
- ✓ Pursue multiple funding sources





#### **Questions and Comments**

